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EMBASSY AS OF 2000 APRIL 3.

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

PART I ICCS: RESULTS OF APRIL 2 PLENARY

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PART IV MR 1: GVN WARY OF VC/ NVA BUILDUP WEST OF HUE

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HEAVY INCIDENT RATE

PART I - INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL & SUPERVISION
(ICCS)

1. THE ICCS APRIL 2 PLENARY, WITH INDONESIAN AMB DHARSONO
IN THE CHAIR, OPENED WITH A DISCUSSION OF A LENTS THAT SERB HAS BEEN RELEASED ARE
TRUE. END SUMMARY.

2. NUMBER OF EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS (COUNSELLORS OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND USSR) STATED LAST NIGHT THAT ROMANIAN
GENERAL SERB WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUSTER
OF INTERIOR MINISTER STANESCU THREE WEEKS AGO. CZECH SOURCE
SAID THAT SERB HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN JOB AS YET BUT IS COMPLETELY
FREE AND HAS BEEN SEEN AROUND BUCHAREST.

3. CZECH COUNSELLOR EXPRESSED OPINION THAT STANESCU WAS REMOVED
FOR COMBINATION OF THREE REASONS: DECISION TO REVERSE THE SERB
CASE, DEFECTION OF DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER NICOLAE STATE IN
SWITZERLAND (THUS SHOWING FOR FIRST TIME THAT BLOC DIPLOMATS
ARE AWARE OF STATE' S DEFECTION) AND INCIDENT IN WEST GERMANY
(INVOLVING BUNGLED SECURITATE EFFORT FORCIBLY TO REPATRIATE
A ROMANIAN CITIZEN). HUNGARIAN COUNSELLOR EXPRESSED IGNORANCE,
INCIDENTALLY, OF STANESCU' S ALLEGED HUNGARIAN NATIONALITY AND,
AFTER SHOW OF NERVOUSNESS, EXPRESSED DISBELIEF THAT IT COULD
BE TRUE. AS FOR STANESCU, SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELLOR SAID
HE HAS CONFIRMED THAT STANESCU IS NOW HEAD OF CC SECTION
CHARGED WITH HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS AND NOT SECTION CONCERNED
WITH SECURITY MATTERS (REF A).

4. AS REPORTED IN A072, A POLISH DIPLOMAT TOOK LINE WITH
AN EMBOFF SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT STANESCU HAD BEEN GUILTY OF
PERSECUTING AN INNOCENT MAN IN SERB CASE AND IN UNJUSTLY

ACCUSING FORMER PARTY SECRETARY FOR MILITARY AND SECURITY
AFFAIRS, VASILE PATILINET, OF NEGLIGENCE IN HANDLING SERB CASE.
THESOURCE CLAIMED THAT SERB HAD EVEN BEEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH
BUT SENTENCE NOT EXECUTED; HOWEVER OTHERS NOT SO LUCKY-- A GROUP

OF ARMY OFFICERS IN MOLDAVIA-- HAD PERISHED.
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5. OF POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, WE NOTE THAT FORMER PARTY SECRETARY PATILINET WAS AMONG HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS IN APRIL 2 STATE DINNER FOR SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMAYRI. ALTHOUGH PATILINET HAS APPEARED PREVIOUSLY SINCE BEING DEMOTED FROM PARTY SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF FORESTRY IN EARLY 1972, THIS HAD BEEN LIMITED SOLELY TO LARGE OCCASIONS WHERE ENTIRE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPEARED. INFERENCE OF HIS APPEARANCE NOW IN SELECT GROUP IS THAT PATILINET IS FULLY RESTORED TO FAVOR.

6. ANOTHER POINT WORTH NOTING, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY WELL BE NO CONNECTION, IS THAT SENIOR PRESIDUM MEMBERS, EMIL BODNARAS AND AMURER, REMAIN ABSENT FROM ALL MAJOR EVENTS. BOTH HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ILL AND ABSENCE MAY THUS BE SOLELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS FACTOR, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF MAURER (YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE CONSIDERED MAURER EFFECTIVELY OUT OF THE PICTURE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF CONTINUED BAD HEALTH). BODNARAS UNDERWENT TREATMENT RECENTLY IN YUGOSLAVIA FOR A HEART CONDITION BUT WAS THEN WELL ENOUGH TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS AND TO DO SOME TOURING IN YUGOSLAVIA BEFORE RETURNING TO ROMANIA (BRITISH HAVE REPORT HE THEN ENTERED HOSPITAL HERE). HE HAS NOT BEEN PRESENT AT ANY OF NUMEROUS PUBLIC FUNCTIONS SINCE HIS RETURN WHERE HE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE APPEARED IF ABLE. WHILE THIS MAY SIMPLY MEAN THAT HIS HEALTH REMAINS DELICATE, ONE MUST ALSO NOTE TWO THINGS ABOUT BODNARAS: HE HAS LONG BEEN A LEADING FIGURE IN MILITARY AFFAIRS AND HE IS ALSO SYMBOL OF RCP'S OPENING TO CHINA.

7. COMMENT: WE REALIZE THAT IMPLICATIONS ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE TREATED WITH SOME CAUTION SINCE IT COMES FROM SOVIET OR PRO-SOVIET SOURCES AND CLEARLY PRESENTS A PICTURE THAT SOVIETS WISH TO CONVEY. ON OTHER HAND WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SERB HAS PROBABLY BEEN RELEASED AS STATED SINCE STATEMENTS TO THIS EFFECT WERE CATEGORICAL AND WE HAVE NOT FOUND SOVIET DISINFORMATION HERE TO TAKE THAT FORM. ON CONTRARY, WE HAVE FOUND SUCH CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS BY SOVIET SOURCES TO BE TRUE IN PAST. WE HAVE PRESENTED SOME ADDITIONAL "STRAWS IN WIND" ABOVE THAT EITHER FIT THIS PATTERN (ALLEGATIONS IN PARA 4) OR WHICH, MORE SPECULATIVELY, COULD FIT THIS PATTERN (PARA 5 AND 6). REPORTED PLANS FOR VISIT BY SOVIET DEFENSE MIN GRECHKO (REF B) WOULD ALSO ACCORD WITH THIS PATTERN.
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NEVERTHELESS, WE WISH TO END ON CAUTIONARY NOTE THAT CASE ALONG INDICATED LINES IS FAR FROM ESTABLISHED, THAT IT IS

BASED LARGELY ON SOVIET SOURCES, AND, FINALLY, THAT EVEN SOME
SHIFT TOWARD ACCOMMODATING SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY BE INTENDED
AS LARGELY TACTICAL STEP COMBINED WITH BELIEF THAT BASIC LINES
OF INDEPENDENT ROMANIAN POSTURE WOULD BE RETAINED.
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AND THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE MUST ACCEPT FULL CONSEQUENCES
FOR WHATEVER MAY RESULT.

3. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FULL TPJMC IS SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY APRIL 6. THE SUBCOMMITTEES, DESPITE THE TONLE CHAM

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DISPUTE, ARE PLANNING TO MEET APRIL 4.

PART III - CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS (VP) APRIL 3 PM REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE COMMITTED 9,550 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS THROUGH 0600 APRIL 3. ENEMY CASULTIES WERE 15,685 IDA, 209 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 3,410 KIA, 16,508 WIA AND 945 MIA. IN ADDITION, 502 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, 1,416 WOUNDED AND 949 ABDUCTED.

PART IV - MR I

1. INCIDENTS FELL SLIGHTLY TO 21, OF WHICH 18 WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) AND ONLY ONE WAS A GROUND ATTACK. THE 1 ST DIV NORTHWEST OF HUE TOOK 11 OF THE ABFS . FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,549 ROUNDS; 1,122 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS AND 427 SOUTH.

2. THE CHU LAI ICCS TEAM WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CEASEFIRE SUPERVISION IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE PAID ITS FIRST FORMAL CALL ON QUANG MRAI PROVINCE OFFICIALS MAR 30. THE TEAM WAS GIVEN A ROAD TOUR OF BINH SON, SON TINH, QUANG NGAI CITY, NGHIA HANH AND TU NGHIA, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE PROVINCE CHIEF' S RESIDENCE. NO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE BROACHED BY EITHER ICCS OR GVN OFFICIALS DURING THE VISIT.

3. THE CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR OF ECONSTRUCTION AND RESETTLEMENT OFFICE MAR 29, MAJ GEN HOANG VAN LAC, DEPUTY CG I CORPS, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTED PRESENCE OF TWO NVA REGIMENTS NEAR FSB RAKASAN, EAST OF BA LONG AND DA KRONG VALLEYS. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AREA FOR DEFENSE OF HUE SINCE IT AFFORDS THE MOST DIRECT ACCESS TO NORTHERN THIEN FROM THE HO CH MINH TRAIL THROUGH WESTERN QUANG TRI. OF RELATED INTEREST, IT IS IN THE AO OF THE THIRD REGIMENT, ARVN 1 ST DIV, WHICH COVERS THE NORTHWEST APPROACHES TO HUE, WHERE NVA ATTACKS BY FIRE HAVE BEEN HEAVY IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

4. AFTER TWO WEEKS OF THE GVN' S RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN HAI LANG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, 1,324 FAMILIES TOTALING 7,424 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR NATIVE HAMLETS.

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ACCORDING TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE CHIEF, COL. HA MAI VIET, PRIORITY WILL BE SHIFTED SOMEWHAT TO ACCELERATE

RESETTLEMENT OF THOSE HAMLETS LYING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO QL-1 FROM THE THUA THIEN BORDER NORTH TO QUANG TRI CITY. COL. VIET' S THEORY IS THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAN BE STIMULATED ALONG THIS PRIMARY LOC MORE QUICKLY THAN IN THE EASTERN AREAS OF HAI LANG DISTRICT. THERE IS THE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A SIGNIFICANT, OBSERVABLE GVN PRESENCE ALONG THE ROUTE WHICH THE ICCS TRAVELS DAILY BETWEEN HUE AND QUANG TRI.

PART V - MR 2

1. 17 OF 18 ENEMY- INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN ONLY THREE PROVINCES, BINH DINH AND PLEIKU AND PHU YEN. MOST INCIDENTS IN COASTAL BINH DINH AND PHU YEN CONSISTED OF HARASSMENT BY SMALL- ARMS FIRE. IN PLEIKU, HOWEVER, PATTERN HAS BEEN NVA/ VC ABF ON RANGER OUTPOSTS IN THANH AN DISTRICT, POSSIBLE IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUED AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING BY RANGERS IN PLEI YIT AREA.

2. CONGEN COMMENT: CURRENT COMMUNIST TACTIC, MOST EVIDENT IN COASTAL PROVINCES , INVOLVES SMALL- UNIT FORAYS INTO GVN- CONTROLLED AREAS TO LAUNCH ABF OR SHORT- DURATION GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST RVNAF POSITIONS. GVN PROVINCE CHIEFS AND TERRITORIAL FORCE COMMANDERS SAY THAT EVER SINCE GVN WON BACK AREAS LOST TO COMMUNISTS DURING CEASEFIRE OFFENSIVE, THEY HAVE OBSERVED STRICTURES AGAINST OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND HAVE NOT CONDUCTED PREJAEMPTIVE OPERATIONS INTO ENEMY BASE AREAS. RESULT IS THAT NVA/ VC CAN STRIKE GVN POSITIONS ALMOST AT WILL AND THEN RETURN TO SAFETY OF BASE AREAS, WHERE THEY CAN REGROUP FOR FURTHER ATTACKS. END COMMENT.

3. NINH HOA ICCS SUB- REGIONAL TEAM IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE HAS COMPLETED TWO INVESTIGATIONS AND IS NEARING END OF FOUR OTHERS. OF TWO FINAL REPORTS SO FAR SUBMITTED TO PLEIKU, ONE WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE OTHER WAS SPLIT TWO AGAINST TWO. UNANIMOUS REPORT WAS LOWEST- COMMON- DENOMINATOR TYPE ON WHICH CANADIANS COMPROMISED, ALTHOUGH THEY REGARDED MORTAR ATTACK UNDER INVESTIGATION AS A CLEAR VC VIOLATION. REPORT WAS SO BLAND THAT REGIONAL HQ DID NOT FORWARD IT TO SAIGON.

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4. SECOND COMPLETED INVESTIGATION INVOLVED ALLEGED VC CADRE WHO TRIGGERED A MINE DURING GROUND ATTACKS OR HAMLET INCURSION ATTEMPT. IN THIS CASE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BODY FOUND AT SCENE WAS THAT OF A VC, EVEN THOUGH BODY WAS BARBED IN TRADITIONAL VC ATTIRE AND STILL CLUTCHED AN AK-47. CANDEL AND INDODEL PREPARED REPORT IDENTIFYING A VC VIOLATION, AND EAST EUROPEANS SUBMITTED DISSENTING REPORT.

5. 5. POLES AND HUNGARIANS ON THIS TEAM MAKE HEAVY USE OF

IRRELEVANT OR HIGHLY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS; AIM SEEMS TO BE TO SOW CONFUSION AND DISCREDIT FVN WITNESSES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ONE NINH HOA INVESTIGATION, THEY REPORTEDLY ASKED WITNESSES HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN FIRING OF FIRST AND SECOND MORTAR ROUNDS AT ISSUE. FIRST GVN WITNESS ANSWERED, " FIVE MINUTES"; SECOND WITNESS SAID " EIGHT MINUTES". THEY THEREUPON CONCLUDED THA ONE WITNESS WAS LYING AND THAT ENTIRE TESTIMONY OF BOTH SHOULD BE DISCOUNTED.

6. IN TRUCE REGION IV, CANDEL CHIEF HAS COMPLAINED OF ROUGH TIME HE HAD AS CHAIRMAN LAST WEEK. MOST VITRIOLIC EXCHANGES CAME WHEN POLES AND HUNGARIANS DECNOUNCED " UNAUTHORIZED" CANDEL/ INDODEL INVESTIGATION OF ABF ON LAM DONG TEA PLANTATION (SAIGON 5112, MAR 28 SITREP) AND REJECTED REPORT FROM BAO LOC SUB- REGIONAL TEAM. IN ADDITION TO REJECTING ENTIRE REPORT, THEY TOOK EXCEPTION ITS USE OF " VC" INSTEAD OF " PRG".

7. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (SDA) ORGANIZERS IN BINH THUAN AND BINH DINH BUSILY TABULATING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND AWAITING GO- AHEAD FROM SAIGON HQ TO INAUGUARATE CHAPTERS IN THOSE PROVINCE. SDA LEADERS IN BINH DINH TOLD POLOFF THAT THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS IN MEETING D/ L 060 REQUIREMENTS.

PART VI - MR 3

1. TONLE CHAM BASE CAMP REMAINED UNDER SIEGE DURING THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 1000 APRIL 3. THE CAMP SUSTAINED THREE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) TOTALING OVER 275 ROUNDS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ARMDND 50. HE ADMITS HE HAS NO CLEAR INFORMATION ON NVA INTENTIONS, BUT SPECULATES THEY WANT TO CAPTURE AT LEAST PHUOC BINH DISTRICT WITPOSONG BE IN ORDER TO CREATE A "LIBERATED" PROVINCE INCLUDINGNORTHERN TAY NINH, BINH LONG, AND PHUOC LONG.

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3. APRIL 2 THERE WAS A WELL ORGANIZED, DEMONSTRATION OF ABOUT 300 BIEN HOA RESIDENTS IN FRONT OF THE ICCS COMPOUND TO PRESENT A PETITION PROTESTING ALLEGED COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE AT TONLE CHJN. DEMONSTRATORS CHANTED " THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE COMMUNISTS". THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE,

THE CROWD WAS KEPT OUTSIDE THE GATE, AND AS SOON AS THE PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO THE HUNGARIAN WHO IS THE ICCS CHAIRMAN THIS WEEK, THE CROWD DISPERSED.

4. CANDEL REPORTS THAT ALL ICCS SUB- REGIONAL TEAMS EXCEPT TAN AN HAVE RECEIVED STACKS OF LETTERS AND PETITIONS WITHIN THE PAST WEEK PROTESTING THEALLEGED COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS AT TONLE CHAM.

5. ICCS HAS ASKED THE PRG AND THE RVN TO OPEN NATIONAL HIGHWAY 13 SO THAT ICCS CONVOYS CAN SUPPLY AN LOC BY ROAD.

6. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE ICCS TRIP TO XA MAT APRIL 3 WAS COMPLETELY SET UP BY THE CANADIANS, AND WAS LAID ON IN ORDER TO PUSH THE COMPLETION OF THE BILLETS THERE. THE GROUP CONSISTED OF CANADIAN ADMINISTRATORS, ONE HUNGARIAN ADMINISTRATOR, AND PA& E MEN. THE GROUP PLANS TO TEST THE POTABILITY OF THE WATER. OUR SOURCE SAYS THAT THE PRG ENGINEER WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT IN XA MAT IS A FIRST RATE PROFESSIONAL.

7. ON APRIL 1 CANDEL REGION V OBSERVED A GVN NATIONAL POLICE

MAN (NP) LISTENING TO A CONVERSATION AND TAKING NOTES INSIDE THE ICCS COMPOUND. UPON HIS DISCOVERY HE DEMANDED THAT VIETNAMESE FEMALES WHO WERE PRESENT ACCOMPANY HIM TO NP HEADQUARTERS FOR INTERROGATION. CANDEL DISAGREED. NP CHAMBERED A ROUND. CANDEL MADE REPRESENTATIONS AND EVENTUALLY EVERYTHING WAS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED AND LOCAL NP SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY WAS MORE CLEARLY DELINEATED.

8. INFORMAL SOUNDING OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE INDICATE STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE FORMATION OF THE FREEDOM PARTY DESPITE THE MISGIVINGS OF SAIGON ARCHBISHOP NGUYEN VAN BINH. THE PRIESTS MOSTLY MILITANT NORTHERNERS REGARD THE PARTY AS A WAY TO HEAL THE RECENT FACTIONALISM OF CATHOLIC POLITICS AND TO OPPOSE COMMUNISM. THEY REGARD
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THE DEMOCRACY PARTY AS NOTHING MORE THAN THE LENGTHENED SHADOW OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND THEY FEAR THAT THIEU MIGHT CHANGE HIS ANTI COMMUNIST POLICIES BECAUSE OF EXPEDIENCY OR OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

PART VII - MR 4

1. 64 VC INITIATED INCIDENTS OCCURRED ON APRIL 2 MOSTLY IN DINH TUONG AND KIEN PHONG. MOST OF THE KIEN PHONG INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE HONG NGU AREA WHERE A RENEWED ARTILLERY DUEL BROKE OUT. THE SITUATION IN OTHER PROVINCES REMAINS RELATIVELY QUIET ALTHOUGH BAC LIEU CONTINUES TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF A " MINI OFFENSIVE" LAST WEEK DURING WHICH THE GVN HAD 5 OUTPOSTS OVERRUN. THE QUAN LONG ICCS TEAM VISITED SEVERAL OF THE OVERRUN OUTPOSTS APRIL 1, BUT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION.

2. DURING THE WEEK OF MAR 25-31 MR 4 HAD 53 RETURNEES. VC DEFECTIONS APPEAR TO BE INCREASING IN A NUMBER OF PROVINCES. AT THE SAME TIME CONGEN UNDERSTANDS RF/ PF DESERTIONS MAY BE INCREASING CONCLUDING THAT WITH THE CEASEFIRE BOTH SIDES ARE FINDING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE MORALE AND COMMITMENT OF THEIR LOCAL FORCES.

3. POLOFF IN SOC TRANG REPORTS THAT PROVINCE LEVEL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SUPPLY OFFICES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN SLATED FOR TRANSFER AS A RESULT OF MR 4 COMMANDER MG MGH' S ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE.

4. THE DEMOCRACY PARTY OFFICES IN KIEN HOA ARE REPORTEDLY BEING ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PARTY MEMBERS THEY WILL FACILITATE PAPERWORK GAIN ACCESS TO OFFICIALS AND GENERALLY CIRCUMVENT THE GVN BUREAUCRACY. POLOFF IN KIEN HOA COMMENTS THAT THE PARTY IS IN A GOOD POSITION TO CARRY OUT SUCH A PROGRAM BECAUSE ITS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS LARGELY COMPOSED OF

CIVIL SERVANTS. THIS COULD CAUSE THE PARTY TO GROW RAPIDLY.

5. POLOFF KIEN PHONG REPORTS THAT MANY REFUGEES ARE
ARRIVING IN HONG NGU FROM TAN HOI AND THUONG LAC VILLAGES
NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, INDICATING AN INCREASE IN NVA
MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. THE HONG NGU ICCS TEAM IS CURRENTLY
RADIOING HOURLY SITREPS TO REGION VI HEADQUARTERS.

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